

Alexandria Gazette.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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For this section local showers, followed by fair, slightly warmer weather, southerly winds, becoming variable.

FORTIFICATIONS OF WASHINGTON.—The annual report of Col. P. C. Hains, corps of engineers in charge of the fortifications of Washington, has been received by the chief of engineers. In regard to Fort Washington, the report says: "The construction of this fort was begun in 1816. It is a casemated work occupying a commanding position on the left bank of the Potomac river, eleven miles below the city of Washington. The masonry of the old work is still in good condition, but as the fort was designed more than half a century ago, it is not adapted to receive guns of modern size, or to defensive purposes against such guns. In 1876 the board of engineers for fortifications approved plans for a modification of the demilune, converting it into a battery of modern construction, with guns of large calibre. The platforms for four of these guns were built, and the magazines partially so, when work was suspended for lack of funds. Three other batteries were planned and engineers for the approval of the board of engineers for fortification, but no work has yet been done on them. The plans of these batteries should be modified to conform to the latest improvements in defensive works before their construction is begun. The buildings unoccupied by troops are generally in a dilapidated condition, but no repairs are recommended, as it is of more importance to mount a few guns or to finish the magazines and parapets." Of Fort Foote, Col. Hains says: "This earthwork is situated on the left bank of the Potomac river, and only 2 miles below Alexandria. It commands the water approaches to that city and to Washington. The work was commenced in 1862. In 1872 the board of engineers approved a project for the modification of the old fort and for the construction of an additional battery. Work was in progress on the former when a suspension became necessary by reason of the failure of appropriations. No work has ever been done on the proposed new battery, and none on the old fort since 1874. At the present time the condition of the work may be described as one of utter disrepair. The parapets, which at the time of the suspension of operations were in an unfinished condition, are rapidly going to ruin. The parapet on the water front was hardly begun when work ceased, consequently there would be no cover for the guns that could be mounted. There are five gun platforms laid, four front and one centre. They are built of concrete and granite, and are serviceable. No guns are mounted. The plans of the work require revision. The buildings are all constructed of perishable material and are rapidly going to decay."

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors of the county met at the county court house yesterday. Present—Judge A. B. Grunwell, of Washington district, chairman; Horatio Ball, of Arlington, and Tibbitt Allen, of Jefferson.

The levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1887, was laid as follows: For county purposes, 40 cents on the \$100; for school purposes, 45 cents on the \$100; in Washington district, and 25 cents on the \$100 in Arlington and Jefferson districts; for road purposes, 15 cents on the \$100. Warrants were drawn to the amount of \$750 to pay for three improved road machines that are now at work on the county roads. The assessor's book showed an increase of property in the county during the last fiscal year amounting to \$52,000. An order was passed giving notice that on the 24 day of September next, two road supervisors were to be appointed for Arlington and Washington districts. Also, an order directing the clerk to prepare a financial report of the receipts and expenditures of the county, and have the same ready for inspection and approval by the board at the next meeting. The board then adjourned until the 24 day of September next.

THE COUNTY DELEGATES AND THE DEBT QUESTION.—Mr. J. E. Clements, one of the delegates to the Roanoke convention from the county last night being asked his views in regard to the settlement of the State debt said he was in favor of a speedy and amicable settlement—the best compromise settlement that could be made for the interest of the State and at the same time acceptable to the creditors. He wanted to see the State debt question cut of both politics and the courts, as it was a great bugbear, and kept immigration and capital from the State; prevented people from buying and settling upon its vacant lands, and had a tendency to impair the financial standing of her merchants and business men generally.

Mr. Frank Hume was not in the city today and could not be seen in reference to the matter. His intimate friends, however, say he is in favor of a speedy settlement of the debt question on the best terms that can be agreed upon between the State and her creditors, regardless of the Riddleberger bill.

KITTEN DROWNING.—The Clerk of the Market complains of the number of kittens which are brought to the market early in the mornings and deposited under the benches there. He says almost every day he has to send a number of kittens to the river and have them drowned as the only means of disposing of them. The kittens are brought to the market in covered baskets, by persons too tender hearted to kill them, and are hid under the benches. The Clerk is of course expected to look out for the kittens, but instead of providing homes for the foundlings has to drown them lest they accumulate too rapidly. He is willing to drown kittens occasionally, but objects to being the public's executioner.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS.—A democratic mass meeting was held in the county last night to select delegates to the Roanoke convention, which is to meet on Thursday. The meeting was held at Walker school house and was presided over by A. P. Douglas, while H. H. Young acted as secretary. For delegates R. W. Walker nominated J. E. Clements, and H. H. Young nominated Frank Hume, whereupon Messrs. Clements and Hume were elected. For alternates A. P. Douglas, H. H. Young and Curtis Graham were nominated, but declined, after which T. C. White, J. B. Syphax and R. Walker were placed in nomination and a vote resulted in the selection of T. C. White and J. B. Syphax.

NEW HARNES.—The Board of Fire Wardens yesterday evening ordered, through Mr. O. Reineker, agent in Washington, a set of patent winging harness of the Sullivan make for the horses of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company. The harness is to be of the best make and is to be delivered within two weeks.

ALEXANDRIAN THE SUPPLIANT.—An item in Monday's GAZETTE recited a notable instance of the exercise of the power of Pope Leo XIII on behalf of a friendless young lady in Richmond. It has since been learned that the young lady in question is an Alexandrian, who had the misfortune to contract the ill assorted marriage, which she was compelled to have severed by the secular courts. Her husband, it seems, deserted her a few days after marriage, and began, or rather continued, to lead an irregular life, winding up in the penitentiary. He is also wanted in several places for various misdemeanors. As stated, the young woman procured an absolute divorce from the civil courts, but as the Catholic Church does not recognize divorces granted by temporal tribunals, she found herself in a dilemma when another admirer made proffers for her hand. In her perplexity she wrote to the sovereign pontiff himself, who in turn wrote to the Bishop of Richmond, suggesting that search be made for the wandering husband with a view, if he were alive, of seeing whether the marital relations might not be restored. The lady is now engaged to be married to a gentleman in Washington, but hesitates at taking a step in violation of the established rules of the Church.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was cloudy and warm with five prisoners at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

John Bayless, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, was fined \$5. Albert Stewart, colored, arrested by Officers Simpson and Grady, for severely whipping a colored boy, was fined \$10 and put under his personal bond in the sum of \$50, not to maltreat the boy.

Geo. West, arrested by Readymen Young and Beach, for disorderly conduct, forfeited \$5 collateral, and Geo. Wanzler, colored, arrested on the same charge was dismissed. John Carter alias John Cosgrove, arrested by Officer Simpson, for the larceny of an accordion from Mr. F. L. VanAuken, was sent to jail for sixty days.

Harry Pettie, arrested by Officers Franks and Grady, for trespassing on the property of Mr. Montjoy, was ordered to leave the city.

James Triplett and James Cliff, for disorderly conduct, were fined \$1 each, and James Richards, arrested on the same charge, was dismissed.

PERSONAL.—Mr. James S. Douglass has returned from a visit to Warrenton.

Mrs. Theodore Ketcham and children, who have been summering in Manassas, have returned, and will at once, in company with Mr. Ketcham, go to Troy, N. Y., for the remainder of the summer.

Gen. G. W. C. Lee, who is in the city, the guest of Mr. P. T. Yeatman, on Washington street, is confined to his bed by a slight attack of sickness.

Mr. Lewis McKenzie is back from Berkeley Springs.

Misses Laura E. Smoot, C. Frazier, Bettie Smoot and Carrie Wise, are summering at Rock Enon.

STREET COMMITTEE.—The committee on streets of the City Council held their weekly meeting last night but deferred action on the Henry street sewerage and uptown grading matters till the services of a competent engineer can be obtained. The routine business of the week was transacted and the question of a city surveyor discussed.

Twenty-one hogs belonging to Mrs. Mat Crawford, of Dranesville, Ga., huddled together during a thunder storm the other day, and lightning struck the drove. After the flash but four were alive.

The man who works every day in the week is a leading member of the Anti-Poverty Society. Industry, sobriety and economy are the only remedies for poverty.

The Crown Prince of Germany is said to have been beyond question the handsomest man in England's jubilee procession.

There is a church in the east end of London where parties so desiring can be married for seven pence ha' penny.

"The leprous distillment, whose effect Holds such an enemy with blood of man, That, swift as quicksilver, it courses through The natural gates and alleys of the body,"

and causes the skin to become "barked about, most loathsome, with vile and loathsome crust." Such are the effects of diseased and morbid bile, the only antidote for which is to cleanse and regulate the liver—an office admirably performed by Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery."

ICED TEA.—Extra-mixed Tea, suitable for Iced Tea, 50c per lb, can be had at J. C. MILBURN'S.

FRESHLY-SMOKED SUGAR-CURED SHOULDERES AND BREAKFAST PIECES received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

PHILLIPS' DIGESTIBLE COCOA, highly recommended for invalids and children, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

PULVERIZED SALT, in boxes, suitable for table and dairy, received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

CHOICE FLORIDA ORANGES and **FANCY MESSINA LEMONS** just received by J. C. MILBURN.

FLOUR.—Superlative, Crystal, Triumph, New South, Henroon and Tenney Flour for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

STRICTLY PURE GROUND SPICES received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

STERILS for ladies' skirts, with and without rubber, at J. C. MILBURN'S.

5 BBL'S CHOICE NEW YORK BEANS received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

THE BEST ROASTED AND GROUND COFFEES for sale at J. C. MILBURN'S.

ANOTHER INVOICE OF STRAINED HONEY received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

A VERY HANDSOME ASSORTMENT OF P. K. & S. SILK 4-IN-HAND SCARFS, from 5 to 50c, at J. C. MILBURN'S.

FOR GOOD FLOUR TRY THE POTOMAC for sale only at J. C. MILBURN'S.

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BASKETS—A full line of covered and open baskets for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

LARGE CANS TOMATOES, Nanticoke brand, for sale at 10c each by J. C. MILBURN.

FANCY NEW VIRGINIA HONEY, in 1-lb packages, just received at J. C. MILBURN'S.

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DUFFY'S MALT WHISKY, \$1 per bottle, at J. C. MILBURN'S.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A hop will be given at Carlin's Springs to-morrow night by a number of ladies and gentlemen of that neighborhood.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary has been postponed till the first Wednesday in next month.

A fire broke out in the drying room of Uhler & Wimsatt's planing mill, in Washington, yesterday evening, causing a loss of about \$500.

Lee Camp Confederate Veterans held their monthly meeting last night and transacted the usual routine business. Gen. J. A. Early was elected an honorary member of the Camp.

Wm. Bright, a thirteen-year-old boy, son of Mr. Wm. Bright, who lives near the local depot, while playing with a small pistol yesterday evening accidentally shot himself in the side, inflicting a serious wound.

A fight occurred at the old fair grounds yesterday evening during a game of base ball, in which a pistol was drawn but not used. Two men, one white and the other colored, were arrested and taken to the station house.

Complaint is made by the residents of West End about the crowds of bad boys that daily infest that village. The boys use the most disgusting language, and steal vegetables and chickens from the residents. Yesterday a gang of small boys, both white and colored, were surprised while planning to break in a house for the purpose of stealing, and ran off.

Mr. Glenn Brown, architect, is now engaged in drawing plans and making specifications for enlarging the armory building of the Alexandria Light Infantry.

A party of ladies and gentlemen from the Woodlawn neighborhood went to the Great Falls in carriages this morning on a picnic to last a few days.

A number of persons left here to-day for Culpeper to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. G. G. Thompson.

Mr. R. M. Latham to-day qualified as Keeper of the Town Clock.

WANTS.

WANTED TO RENT.

A SECURE ROOM in which to store furniture. Address Jy23 S. GAZETTE Office.

75 BBL'S CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR, best known brands, bought before the advance, for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

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RED WARRIOR CHOPPING AXES, wholesale and retail, at 88 King, corner Royal st. Jy16 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

INDIGO BLUE BOATING SUITS, from factory, just received by Jy12 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

TEAS.—Having bought largely of Teas, carefully selected, I am selling the same very low. Jy23 J. C. MILBURN.

2500 LBS PURE BUCKWHEAT FLOUR for sale low by Jy16 J. C. MILBURN.

RUBBER DRESSING COMBS, a fine assortment from the cheapest to the best grades, at Jy14 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

10 GROSS RUMFORD'S YEAST POWDER received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

RHEUMATISM CURED BY DR. MITCHELL'S Celebrated Rheumatism Plaster, for sale by Jy11 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

10,000 SIX-OUNCE Cakes FINE TOILET SOAP for sale at 5c each by Jy16 J. C. MILBURN.

MISSOURI HAMS.—If you have not bought one don't fail to go to McBURNEY'S STORE and get one. They are simply grand. Jy16 J. C. MILBURN.

CHEESE CLOTHS, Striped Lawns and Fine Gingham, for dresses, from 5 to 10c, at Jy13 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

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" " 1 30.	" 1 90.
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" " 2 00.	" 3 25.

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